

# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

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*After any leadership training or conference, there is always the post-event question that arises: "Ok, now what?" During my first month in Kolkata, I have not only been impressed with our alumni's societal contributions, but also learned how important it is for us to continue our outreach efforts to these impressive leaders. I have met with many of our alumni who are leaders in business, education, NGOs, and the press. All of these leaders expressed their appreciation for their respective programs, while also showing an eagerness to give back to our Mission India efforts. Recently, young alumni from programs such as YES spent an entire day speaking to local students about their cultural experiences in the U.S. through our organized Alumni Roadshows and encouraged them to study in the U.S. In another example, previous IVLP participants helped the Consulate host a speaker on U.S. – India – Pakistan relations at Jadavpur University in Kolkata. These examples are testament to how important it is to continue to cultivate relationships with our alumni. They not only have a strong appreciation for the U.S., but they also see how important it is for them to contribute to our efforts in India. As I look forward to my two years in Kolkata, I know that one of the foundations of our success will be through our alumni.*

- Greg Pardo, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, Kolkata

## *News and activities from the alumni community in INDIA*

### U.S. CONSULATE HYDERABAD

#### **Farm mechanization expert hosts Consul General Mullins at Green Basics**

Ramana Babu Killi, an IVLP alumnus (Young Leaders: Influential Voices, 2014) and Executive Director of Green Basics, an organization that provides agricultural services, hosted Consul General Michael Mullins during his recent visit to Srikakulam. Green Basics offers technical assistance,

capacity building training and mechanized farming solutions to small-scale farmers so they can outsource the most onerous aspects of farming. Green Basics provides agriculture extension services, cooperative farming, and farm mechanization services to farmers in 50 villages of the Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh. CG Mullins and Consulate Hyderabad's Pol-Econ team appreciated this opportunity

to learn more about new agricultural innovations and irrigation challenges faced by farmers in Andhra Pradesh.



## Astrophysicist Draws Youth to STEM Learning

Dr. Priya Hasan, an IVLP alumna (Astrophysics, 2011), Astrophysicist, and Assistant Professor at Muffakhm Jah College of Engineering, recently kicked off a new venture, [Shristi Astronomy](#), to make science and math more appealing to young people through hands-on workshops, discussions, film screenings, quizzes and competitions. Her efforts have helped participants understand the practical applications of science through interactive, stimulating and fun activities. Dr. Hasan's programs have received wide coverage in vernacular media such as [Andhra Jyothy](#), a leading Telugu newspaper and *Jagran Plus*. In 2012, Dr. Hasan conducted a hands-on workshop on astronomy for young boys and girls in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad.



## Conservation Architect Introduces Children to Hyderabad's Architectural Heritage

Ms. Madhu Vottery, IVLP alumna (Cultural Heritage Preservation, 2012) and Conservation Architect recently organized a coloring contest and quiz, in partnership with the State Museum in Hyderabad, to teach young children about the rich architectural history of Hyderabad. Contest winners were given copies of Ms. Vottery's new book, *Heritage of Hyderabad: From Children for Children*, which integrates activities designed by young people to make learning about history, heritage, and conservation fun. In addition to conducting educational programs for children, Ms. Vottery was instrumental in establishing the Hyderabad Heritage Walks Program for the Telangana Department of Tourism. Through this program, she trained ordinary citizens to lead walking tours of the Old City, highlighting infrequently visited architectural treasures of Hyderabad.



## Consul General Mullins meets Edward R. Murrow Press Fellow in Vijaywada



Appaji Reddem, an Edward R. Murrow Press Fellow (2012) and the Vijaywada Bureau Chief at *The Hindu*, met Consul General Michael Mullins, Political-Economic Officer Peter McSharry, and Political-Economic Associate John Mataya in Vijaywada recently. They had an informative off-the-record interaction on a wide variety of topics, including the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, the investment climate in the state, and infrastructure and development.

## Environmental Volunteerism with a Twist

Sujit Mahapatra, IVLP alumnus (Volunteerism: United We Serve, 2010) and Founder of the Bakul Foundation, is a leading figure in promoting the volunteer movement in Bhubaneswar. Every year he runs the “My Tree Campaign” to promote the cultural practice of gifting trees by asking volunteers to publish profile photos on Facebook citing quirky reasons for receiving a tree as a gift. He also led a campaign titled “A Tree for Free Roadshow” this year as a part of his efforts to mobilize and motivate the general public to plant trees. Sujit and his team of volunteers at Bakul gave away approximately 500 medicinal plants and trees such as Kanchan, Jamun, Amla, Tulasi, Ayappan, Brahmi, Hadajoda and Satabhari.



**TIP Activist Combats Trafficking and Empowers Girls and Women in Andhra Pradesh**

Ms. Vijaya Bhavani Bhamidipalli, an IVLP alumna (Combating Gender-Based Violence, 2014) and Program Manager at Plan India, recently hosted Consul General Michael Mullins for a visit to a fashion technology unit in Payakaraopet in Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh. This unit was set up by Plan India with the objective of empowering women victims of trafficking, including former sex workers, by providing them the skills necessary to find gainful employment. The fashion technology unit, started under Vijaya's guidance, provides employment to 40 women and trains an additional 60 girls and women to make them more employable. CG Mullins also visited another Plan India project at a government-run school in Payakaraopet that trains female students to use and maintain ecological sanitation toilets. This visit gave CG Mullins an opportunity to see up close the work being done by NGOs such as Plan India to end human trafficking to empower women in Andhra Pradesh. The visit also helped CG Mullins and the Pol-Econ team who accompanied him to deepen their understanding of human trafficking patterns in Andhra Pradesh, the challenges faced by victims, and programs led by local NGOs that promote alternative approaches to ending trafficking. CG Mullins praised the exchange alumni for their efforts and contributions.

**U.S. CONSULATE CHENNAI****Meeting with alumni women entrepreneurs was a highlight of Chargé d’Affaires Amb. Kathleen Stephens’ visit to Bengaluru**

Chargé d’Affaires Ambassador Kathleen Stephens met five leading women entrepreneurs during her recent visit to Bengaluru. She discussed opportunities and challenges in women’s economic participation in South India, its implications for the rest of the country, opportunities for U.S.-India collaborations, and STEM education for girls in India. This was also a great opportunity for her to learn first-hand stories from the alumni women about where their entrepreneurial journeys began, how it grew, what motivates them, and what it takes to propel their enterprises ahead in a globalized marketplace.



*L to R: Hema Hattangady, Dhanyvanthi Jain, Ambassador Stephens, Leena Pishe Thomas, Nandita Lakshmanan, Political Officer Sam*

**Awards and Accolades****IVLP alumnus joins Kerala’s most popular TV station as Editor**

2007 IVLP alumnus M.G. Radhakrishnan took charge as the Editor of *Asianet News Television* on September 1, 2014. He will have a key role in the policy formulation and news planning of Kerala’s most popular television station. Previously, Mr. Radhakrishnan was the Kerala Bureau Chief of India Today Magazine before joining *Asianet*.



## Daniel Pearl Film Festival: A Show of Strength



*Violinist duo (and Fulbright grantees) Lalitha Muthuswamy and Nandini Muthuswamy regale audiences with their fusion rendition at the inauguration of BTLIFF 2014*

IVLP alumna Dr. V.R. Devika and IVLP/Fulbright alumna Uma Shivakumar brought together their respective strengths in cultural activism and film curation to partner with the U.S. Consulate to conceptualize and execute the three-city film festival "Between the Lines: Journalistic Courage under Fire" (BTLIFF 2014) in Chennai, Bengaluru, and Thiruvananthapuram. The traveling festival, held in Chennai, Bengaluru, and Thiruvananthapuram, was inaugurated on October 9th and held October 10<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> in Chennai, October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> in Bengaluru, and October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> in Thiruvananthapuram. The festivals brought together media practitioners, civil society organizations, students and the general public to share their experiences and discuss the importance of a free and fair press. The films featured in the festivals in each city – shorts, documentaries and features-focused on issues of freedom of speech and expression, challenges faced by journalists and activists, and foreign reporting, as well as ethical and legal dilemmas and issues of safety. The festival generated debate and discussion on proactive approaches to the journalistic ideals of unbiased reportage and fearless commitment to the truth. Film screenings, workshops, panel discussions and face-to-face interactions with journalists, film makers and activists-provided a common platform for all stakeholders to come together and have a dialogue on a wide range of topics. The importance of an empathetic eye, the freedom to have differing points of view, the need to evolve informed perspectives, and challenges faced underlined all the programing of the festivals in Chennai, Bengaluru, and Thiruvananthapuram.



*IVLP alumna Dr. V.R. Devika and IVLP/Fulbright alumna Uma Shivakumar (extreme left and right respectively) at the Press Conference announcing the film festival*



### Alumni-led school celebrates International Day of the Girl Child at the American Library:

Ms. Thasleem Begum Hussain, Senior Principal of Hyder Garden Matriculation School attended the 2011 IVLP on “American Youth: Inspiring Leadership and Civic Participation.” This year, she brought 100 female students to the American Library to mark the International Day of the Girl Child with a campaign on “Proud to be a Girl/Girls can...” The visiting students signed the wall along with the PAO and created activist book marks with slogans. PAO Pollock spoke about how literacy is the basis for life-long learning and why educating girls is important for sustainable development. Some students shared their views on girl’s education and Gender Based Violence (GBV). After the brief interaction, the library screened the IIP documentary “Girl Rising”.

*PAO Pollock and the students sign on the wall "Proud to be a Girl"*



### Alumni shake up Bengaluru city administration to save heritage building



*Journalists for Heritage — L to R: Janaki Murali (IVLP 2000), 3rd from Left- Ammu Joseph (Salzburg 2002), 4th from Left - Vasanthi Hariprakash (Salzburg 2007) and extreme right - Aditi De (IVLP 1987).*

At least four USG alumni were among the “who’s who” in Bengaluru who rallied to save the heritage building “Balabrooie guesthouse” under the banner of the “Save Balabrooie” Committee on October 26. The campaign was successful and stopped the administration’s plans to demolish the structure, as well as saved the hundreds of trees that were going to be cleared to make way for the construction.



## Alumni entrepreneur launches campaign against killer disease



*Sridevi Kannan talks to students and women's groups in Madurai*

Sridevi Kannan is an entrepreneur and social activist from Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Soon after her Legislative Fellow program in May 2014, she attended World Learning's Alumni Engagement Initiative online course on small grants management, supported by the Newman's Own Foundation, which provides alumni technical and funding resources to help turn program experiences into effective community change. Sridevi's project to create awareness among 3600 women, above the age of 30, on early detection and screening for breast and cervical cancer won her a small grant. Supported by local industrial houses and hospitals in Madurai, she launched a campaign where she regularly talks – in vernacular (Tamil) – to student and parent groups in schools, colleges and communities about the importance of early detection of cervical and breast cancer, regular mammogram and Pap smear checkups, and vaccinating young women against the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). Appalled by the high incidence of the disease and the lack of awareness in rural areas, she has planned to follow-up by partnering with local hospitals to offer subsidized mammogram checkups and medical care. She hopes to extend the project beyond her city to other parts of Tamil Nadu.

## Another Eureka moment for IVLP alumna Dr. Saundarya Rajesh:



*IVLP alumna Dr. Saundarya Rajesh interacts with women during the WINSIGHT Tactician Master class*

AVTAR I-WIN, India's Number One expert on Women's careers with a track record of over 4000 successful placements of women was founded by Dr. Saundarya Rajesh immediately after her return from her 2005 IVLP exchange program on "Entrepreneurship for Women." As part of her new initiative WINSIGHT Tacticians Master class, Dr. Rajesh recently conducted a program to train select women as trainers in a practical, process-driven and powerful behavioral intervention process, where they will develop the capacity to assist other women in early career, mid-career and matured phases manage their work-life challenges, and thus lead sustainable careers.



## **NORTH INDIA ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**

### *Alumni Share their Experiences of Discovering America at American Center Party*

The American Center marked the holiday of Columbus Day with a grand party celebrating the theme of “Discover America” on October 10. Before the music and dancing got into full swing, four alumni shared their exchange experience with the gathering, discussing their own journeys of discovering not only America, but also themselves. Thank you, Khalida Khan (CCIP), Mayank Anand (YES), Pulkit Mogha (SUSI), and Veda Bhardwaj (IVLP), and to all of you who came for the party! For more details and photos from the party, visit the American Center Facebook page [here](#).



### *Exchanges Team visits Kat-Katha for Diwali festivities*

Members of the New Delhi Public Affairs team celebrated the Indian festival of lights, Diwali, with volunteers of NGO Kat-Katha and inmates of several brothels in GB Road, Delhi's infamous red-light district. Gitanjali Babbar, alumna of Legislative Fellows Program, set up Kat-Katha and works to empower women of Delhi's brothels by creating rights awareness, providing them with skills, and attempting to integrate them with mainstream society. Gitanjali and her team also work closely with the children of these women, facilitating their access to education and extra-curricular activities. Through its work, Kat-Katha aims to raise the self-esteem of the sex-workers and their children, creating a space for them where they can exercise their own life choices. Read more about Kat-Katha [here](#).

## ***Kaun banega musician?***



IVLP alumna Faith Gonsalves founded the organization, [Music Basti](#), which works with at-risk children and youth in Delhi with the aim to contribute to their personal development and create a sense of community through music. Music Basti added another feather in its cap when it received national and international recognition this month: it was featured not only on the popular quiz show *Kaun Banega Crorepati*, but also on *CNN International*. Since its inception in 2008, Music Basti has connected over 200 musicians with about 600 youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, bringing about a positive change in the lives of those who normally wouldn't be able to access art and music education. See Faith's featurette on KBC [here](#) and read the full CNN International article [here](#).

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS...***

**Art Pitara: Workshops in Traditional Arts & Crafts to be organized by IVLP alumna**

Happy Hands Foundation, an initiative of IVLP alumna Medhavi Gandhi, and INTACH have decided to bring forth yet another season of Art Pitara - a series of public workshops to learn traditional arts/crafts of India. The response from last summer has encouraged them to continue to bring the arts and artists to Delhi's very enthusiastic audience this winter as well. This time, the focus is on the dying folk arts - *Phad*, *Kalamkari*, and *Patua* to name a few. The line-up also includes interesting crafts such as *Lippan Kaam* (mud relief), and palm leaf engraving & painting. To teach these, Master Craftsmen would be coming in from around the country, including Rajasthan, Orissa, West Bengal, Karnataka, and Odisha. Log on to their web site ([www.artpitara.wordpress.com](http://www.artpitara.wordpress.com)) and register by November 30.



**U.S. CONSULATE KOLKATA**

*Consul General Helen LaFave interacts with Mizoram alumni*

During her visit to Mizoram, Consul General Helen LaFave met with exchange alumni, including education and civil society leaders in the state - Susan Ralte, Mazami Engzami and Angela. The meeting contributed towards strengthening ties with the alumni in Mizoram, especially due to limited visits in the northeast region. One of the alumni, Mazami Ralte, had also participated in the American Center Kolkata's flagship program 'Our Voice, Our Journey' this year.

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**APAO connects with important alumni over lunch**

APAO Greg Pardo met with some of the leading alumni in the city over a 'Get-To-Know' you lunch this month. As the APAO has just assumed post, the meeting was a way of introducing some of our more influential alumni contacts and deepening our relationship with them for continued collaborations on priority issues. It was a very productive meeting and led to some very good ideas for mutually beneficial programs, including MOOCs and increasing NGO connections.

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### **IVLP alumna Rosanna Lyngdoh selected for Vital Voices program**

IVLP alumna Rosanna Lyngdoh has been selected for the Vital Voices Global Freedom Exchange Program. The program will bring together twenty women who are anti-trafficking leaders, from 10 countries around the world, for the opportunity to participate in a two-week interactive learning and networking program from November 3-14, 2014 in Washington, D.C.; New York City; and Dallas, Texas. Rosanna works to sensitize and familiarize the rural people in the community, including domestic workers and community leaders about sex trafficking. She works in all the eight states of the northeast in the rescue, repatriation and police reporting of trafficking cases. Rosanna has earlier been on an IVLP in 2012 on Trafficking in People.

### **Awards and Accolades**

#### **SAFE\_Resolve Trash2Cash selected by UNFCCC**

'Resolve Trash2Cash' program, an initiative of the South Asian Forum for Environment, an NGO chaired in Kolkata by IVLP alumnus Dr. Dipayan De, has been selected by the Momentum for Change Advisory Panel as one of the 2014 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities. Momentum for Change is an initiative spearheaded by the UN Climate Change secretariat that recognizes innovative and transformative solutions that address both climate change and wider economic, social and environmental challenges; these are called Lighthouse Activities. They're some of the most practical, scalable and replicable examples of what people, businesses, governments and industries are doing to tackle climate change. Three team members from SAFE & Resolve T2C enterprise will travel to the UNFCCC COP 20 to be held in Lima, Peru, December 9-11, 2014. This includes a high-level technical event where they will present our activity to various stakeholders participating in the event.



**Speaker on Indo-U.S. Relations Michael Kugelman engages in roundtable discussion with alumni**

Michael Kugelman met IVLP alumni at a roundtable in Patna. The Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), one of the top think tanks in the region headed by IVLP alum Shaibal Gupta, organized the round table with social scientists to discuss Indo - U.S. relations post 2014. India - Pakistan relations and U.S. impact were also extensively discussed at the one hour interactive session. In Kolkata, alum Om Parakash Mishra, secretary of the think tank Global India Foundation organized a program for the speaker where he addressed scholars, social scientists and members of the Global India Foundation on the 'Trajectory of Indo-Pak Relations', at Jadavpur University.

**Consul General engages with Tripura alumni**

The Consul General met with a group of Exchange Alumni on her first visit to Tripura in October. The meeting included alumni representatives from the fields of education, government and anti-trafficking. The meeting allowed for us to connect with the alumni in Tripura and give us a sense of the kind of events we can collaborate on going forward, such as informative programs on U.S. higher education opportunities.

**U.S. CONSULATE MUMBAI**

### Alumna addresses Boston University students online

On October 31, Fulbright and Humphrey alumna, Dr. Shubhalaxmi, addressed an undergraduate students' leadership seminar "*The Leadership Challenge*". She spoke about overcoming obstacles, handling failure and adversity, and being willing to take risks in spite of great biases and constraints. Dr. Shubhalaxmi spent her Humphrey year at Boston University, and is looked on as a role-model by faculty who often invite her to address undergraduate students.



### US. Speaker Dr. Masum Momaya meets alumna in Goa

Dr. Masum Momaya, curator at the Smithsonian, met with IVLP alumna Ms. Albertina Almedia, an advocate and human rights activist, and other Goa based activists for a discussion on human rights, women's rights, gender, race and class equality and social justice. During the discussion, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, she also spoke about the traveling exhibition of Smithsonian Museum "*Beyond Bollywood: Indian Americans Shape the Nation*", which is a groundbreaking traveling exhibition created in collaboration with the Smithsonian's Asia Pacific American Center. The exhibit explores the Indian American experience and the community's vital political, professional and cultural contributions to American life and history.

### IVLP alumni attend special film screening

IVLP alumni, Mr. Rishi Agarwal and Ms. Roshni Udyavar Yehuda, were invited to attend a special screening of the new movie "Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain" which features American actors Kal Penn, Martin Sheen, and Mischa Barton, and Bollywood actor Rajpal Yadav. Following the screening, on October 21, guests were able to meet with the filmmakers and cast at a small reception in Mumbai. The movie is scheduled to release in India in December.



**Alumnus sworn-in as Chief Minister of Maharashtra:**

Mr. Devendra Fadnavis was sworn-in as Maharashtra's Chief Minister on October 31. Mr. Fadnavis is an alumnus of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) program.



Over the years, he has helped the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai to organize ACYPL's visits to the Maharashtra state legislature assembly.

**Awards and Accolades****Alumni win the Maharashtra state elections**

The alumni who won in the just-concluded Maharashtra state legislative assembly elections are IVLP alumni Ms. Varsha Gaikwad from Mumbai, Dr. Sanjay Shriram Kute from Jalgaon, and American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) alumnus Mr. Jaykumar Rawal from Sindkheda.



## ILEP alumna launches Program for Teachers in Pune

International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) alumna, Ms. Charu Mathur, launched a new project *Teachers helping Teachers: 21st Century Master Trainers Program* in Pune. The project is a collaboration between Socrates Foundation for Enhanced Learning, that Ms. Mathur founded on her return to India after the ILEP program, and the Rotary Club of Khadki. This program seeks to train a group of 21 secondary school teachers from nine high performing schools of Pune, who will spearhead a campaign to bring about a change in the teaching methodologies which are not only aligned to the interests, capabilities and outlook of today's students, but will also inculcate the skills that will be required of them 10 to 20 years from now. These 21 Master Trainers from will undergo a 40-hour training over five months, ending in March 2015. During this period, they will also identify their buddy schools and buddy teachers from underprivileged schools, and help design and implement modules in their schools from June 2015 to March 2016. In addition, they will mentor them and ensure that the buddy teachers completely integrate the best practices in their regular teaching plan. The first workshop of this series began in November 2014. The introductory session of this program was held on Saturday, 11th October, 2014 in Pune. Fulbright alumnus, Dr. P.J. Lavakare was the keynote speaker and spoke about the "The Changing Profile of the Guru-Shishya Relationship."

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# Socrates Foundation to launch prog for teachers

20 teachers from city schools will help 50 teachers from underprivileged schools

Parag Jadhav

**SB Road:** Socrates Foundation for Enhanced Learning, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Khadki is launching a new project - 'Teachers Helping Teachers - 21st Century Master Trainers Programme.' This programme aims to train a group of secondary school teachers who will in turn guide teachers from underprivileged schools.

During an introductory session conducted at Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) on Saturday, Charu Mathur, Founder Trustee of Socrates Foundation for Enhanced Learning gave details about the project.

Present for the session were P.J. Lavakare, advisory panel member of Socrates Foundation for Enhanced Learning, principals of nine city-based schools along with Rotary members.

Mathur said, "The project



**EXPERT GUIDANCE:** P.J. Lavakare, advisory panel member of Socrates Foundation for Enhanced Learning, speaking at the introductory session of the Teachers Helping Teachers - 21st Century Master Trainers Programme at MCCIA, on Saturday.

ect aims to equip teachers with innovative and creative teaching methods to prepare students for effective decision making.

Mathur added that 20 teachers from nine Pune schools have been nominated by their schools and will be trained as master trainers. They would then help around 50 teachers from underprivileged schools en-

hance their teaching skills.

"The group of master trainers will form a specialised teaching community and commit to train teachers for at least two years," said Mathur.

P.J. Lavakare stressed that teachers must use the best available technologies of the 21st century.

Speaking about the current education scenario,

Lavakare said, "At present, around 300 million students do not have access to good schools and there is a shortage of trained teachers. RTE has its own problems in implementation. Schools tend to admit students forced on them by RTE but are not committed to them," he added. He encouraged teachers to trigger the students' mind. 57

### Alumni conduct Citizen Journalism Workshops in Ahmedabad

The U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, conducted the first in a series of workshops on "Empowering Youth As Citizen Journalists", on October 18-19 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The workshops were conducted in cooperation with two prominent journalists, Mr. Ajay Umat and Mr. Jay Vasavada, who are both IVLP alumni. Workshop participants, between the ages of 14-25, learned how to use online tools such as mobile phones, blogs, and Twitter to share their voices and make positive changes in their communities. Youth not only from Ahmedabad, but also from Rajkot, Baroda and Bhavnagar, attended the workshops, which took place in both English and Gujarati. The participants will now compete for prizes by submitting their own Citizen Journalism pieces on education, gender, environment, economic opportunity, security, science and technology, development challenges, and more.



### CAO meets alumni in Ahmedabad

On October 18-19, CAO (Cultural Affairs Officer), Anamika Chakravorty, met with Humphrey Fellow Ms. Shirley Ballaney, and IVLP alumni Ms. Bindu Nair, Mr. Mithun Khandwala, and Mr. Biplab Paul in Ahmedabad. The alumni provided insights on their fields of specialization as diverse as urban planning, education and environment.



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